

REMARKS

Applicant and his Attorney wish to thank the Examiner for allowance of Claims 44-50, 70 and 71 of the above-identified patent application, as indicated in the *Notice of Allowance*, issued November 17, 2009.

By the presently-proposed amendment after allowance, the entry of which is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312, Applicant seeks to substitute the accompanying four “Replacement” sheets of drawing figures, which contain FIGS 1 – 11, for the drawing figures currently of record, as filed April 27, 2006. The newly-proposed drawing figures, in addition to being of significantly better quality and clarity, also provide a dashed-line in FIG. 7, which is referred to in the published application at ¶ 0032, but not shown in the drawing figures currently of record.


The newly-proposed drawing figures are submitted to be substantively identical to the drawing figures previously on file when the Examiner allowed Applicant’s claims and are contended to raise no new issues that might otherwise require a further search of the art by the Examiner. Entry of the presently proposed *Amendment After Allowance* is therefore contended to be proper and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

The requisite Issue and Publication Fees are being timely paid on this date.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the accompanying new "Replacement" drawing sheets containing FIGS. 1 – 11 is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account of Applicant's Attorney (*Account No. 19-0450*) for any fees or costs pertaining to the prosecution of the above-identified patent application, but which have not otherwise been provided for.